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UGH, STEVEN, WE'VE BEEN WALKING FOR HOURS! CAN'T WE JUST SET UP HERE?

IT'S RIGHT AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE...

I HATE TO AGREE, BUT THIS IS THE THIRD TIME WE'VE BEEN PAST THAT ROCK.

FOURTH TIME.

COME ON GUYS, WE'RE NEARLY--

AHA-- FOUND IT!

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSE FAMILY CAMPING GROUND! ME AND DAD COME HERE ALL THE TIME.

WELL, IT LOOKS A BIT LIKE THE OTHER SPOTS, BUT IT'S STILL NICE.

FWUMP

NOW WHAT?

NOW WE SET UP CAMP!

PEARL, YOU CAN BE IN CHARGE OF BUILDING THE TENT.

RIGHT!

GARNET, CAN YOU GET A FIRE STARTED? I'LL GO FIND SOME MORE FIREWOOD!

nod

HM.

AND AMETHYST, YOU CAN UNPACK THE FOOD IN THE PICNIC BASKET--

GAAAASP

--BUT DON'T EAT ANY! I'VE GOT BIG PLANS!

AWWHH...

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, GUYS!

HAHA, AMETHYST IS GONNA LOVE MAKING S'MORES.

YEOWCH!!

WHAT THE--? BROKEN GLASS?

THAT'S SO IRRESPONSIBLE! WHO LEFT THIS HERE? SOMEBODY COULD REALLY HURT THEMSELVES-- LIKE ME!

I'LL ASK GARNET TO CLEAN THIS UP LATER WITH HER GAUNTLETS. I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO GET HURT.

rub rub rub

HEY, GARNET! GOT THE FIREWOOD!

HMM...

HAAAAAA--

SHING!

FWOOM

HAAHH!

I DID IT.

G-GARNET! IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE THAT BIG...

UH, GOOD JOB THOUGH, I GUESS? WE'LL SAVE THE EXTRA WOOD FOR LATER...

THERE, PERFECT!

H-HEY, PEARL, I THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE...MAYBE SORTA HAD THE INSTRUCTIONS UPSIDE-DOWN?

THERE WERE INSTRUCTIONS??

I'LL JUST... LEAVE YOU TO IT, OKAY? HEY AMETHYST, DID YOU FIND THE--

=SIGH=

WELL, THAT'S OKAY TOO. I THOUGHT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN, SO I PACKED EXTRA!

EHEHEH, SORRY, DUDE. I GOT HUNGRY WAITING...

COME ON, GUYS, LET'S EAT!

...AND THAT'S HOW YOU MAKE A S'MORE!

LIKE THIS? AM I DOING IT??

I THINK I'LL PASS...

TELL US WHAT TO DO NEXT, STEVEN.

OH, OH!

NEXT IS MY FAVORITE PART! DAD IS REALLY GOOD AT THIS BIT. NOW IT'S TIME...

...FOR SCAAARY STORIES!

OOHHH...

I'LL START! A-HE-HEM-HEM...

LEGEND HAS IT, THAT ONE DARK NIGHT, RIGHT HERE IN BEACH CITY, A TEENAGER WAS BABYSITTING SOME KIDS...

"IT WAS GETTING LATE, AND THERE WAS STILL NO SIGN OF THE PARENTS.

RRRRRINNNG!

"SUDDENLY! THE SILENCE WAS BROKEN WHEN THE PHONE RANG.

HELLO.

"SHE PICKED UP THE PHONE, EXPECTING A CALL FROM THE PARENTS EXPLAINING WHERE THEY WERE, BUT INSTEAD--

WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN, WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN?

click

"FREAKED OUT, SHE RUSHED TO THE CHILDREN'S BEDROOM--

"BUT WHEN SHE LOOKED IN, THE CHILDREN WERE FAST ASLEEP.

"CONFUSED, SHE WENT BACK DOWNSTAIRS, BUT...

RRRIINGG!

WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN, WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN?

IF THIS IS A PRANK, I'M NOT FALLING FOR IT!

click

"JUST IN CASE, SHE CHECKED AGAIN. STILL EVERYTHING WAS NORMAL.

WHERE ARE THE CHIL--

STOP CALLING ALREADY! THIS ISN'T FUNNY!

RRRING RRRIINGG!

SLAM!

"SHE SAT BACK DOWN, EXPECTING THE PHONE TO RING AGAIN ANY MOMENT, BUT INSTEAD...

"...THERE WAS ONLY SILENCE.

phew...

"BUT THE CALLER'S WORDS KEPT NAGGING AT HER...

"...AND WHEN SHE WENT TO CHECK ON THE CHILDREN THIS TIME--

"THEY WERE GONE."

THE END! WHAT DID YOU THINK?

THAT'S *IT?* YOU CAN'T END A STORY LIKE THAT! WHERE WERE THE KIDS?!

SURELY THE BABYSITTER WOULD HAVE HEARD SOMETHING. AND WHO WAS ON THE PHONE??

I SAW IT COMING.

IT'S A SCARY STORY! NOT KNOWING WHAT TO BE AFRAID OF IS WHAT MAKES IT SCARY!

WEREN'T YOU SCARED AT ALL??

SORRY, STEVEN...

NOPE.

WELL, WHAT *DOES* SCARE YOU? DO GEMS HAVE SCARY STORIES ON HOMEWORLD?

OH, WE DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT--

NOT ON HOMEWORLD.

BUT WE DO HAVE ONE HERE ON EARTH...

...THE STORY OF THE GLASS GHOST.

AW, JEEZ, NOT THAT AGAIN!

AMETHYST, YOU KNOW THIS ONE?

IT'S JUST SOME STUPID FAIRY TALE THEY MADE UP TO SCARE ME. GARNET AND PEARL USED TO TELL IT ALL THE TIME, BACK WHEN THEY FIRST FOUND ME.

I DON'T REMEMBER SAYING WE MADE IT UP-- THOUGH IT DID KEEP YOU OUT OF TROUBLE.

UGH, WHATEVER.

I WANNA HEAR IT!

THE STORY GOES--

NO, NO, YOU GOTTA DO IT PROPERLY! WITH THE SCARY VOICE AND THE FLASHLIGHT!

OH YES, OF COURSE.

LONG AGO, ON THIS VERY PLANET, THERE WAS A YOUNG GEM...

"OLDER, MUCH WISER GEMS WERE ALWAYS WARNING HER NOT TO GO EXPLORING ON HER OWN.

THERE COULD BE HUMANS!

THERE COULD BE MONSTERS!

"BUT DESPITE THEIR WARNINGS, SHE OFTEN WENT WANDERING WITHOUT THEM.

I AIN'T SCARED A NOTHIN'!

"SHE NARROWLY AVOIDED HUMANS--

"--AND EVEN ENCOUNTERED CORRUPTED GEMS.

MOM! I SAW A PURPLE OWL!!

DON'T BE SILLY. OWLS CAN'T BE PURPLE.

"WITH EACH ADVENTURE HER CONFIDENCE GREW, AND SHE STRAYED FURTHER AND FURTHER FROM HOME.

"ONE DAY, AFTER A LONG JOURNEY, THE YOUNG GEM DECIDED TO TAKE A NAP.

IT JUST FEELS GOOD.

ZZZ...

"SHE WOKE UP HOURS LATER, IN A PITCH-BLACK FOREST.

WHERE THE HECK AM I?

"IN THE GLOOM OF NIGHT, SHE COULDN'T SEE WHICH WAY SHE'D COME FROM.

"BUT THERE IN THE DISTANCE WAS THE FAINTEST GLOW OF LIGHT.

AW YEAH, A WAY OUT!

"SHE HURRIED TOWARDS IT, BUT WHEN SHE ARRIVED--

H-HELLO??

HUUUUUUUUU

"SHE LOOKED UP AT THE CREATURE, EXPECTING TO FIND A CORRUPTED GEM--

"AND INSTEAD, FOUND NOTHING BUT A SHARD OF GLASS.

"SHE FROZE IN TERROR UNDER THE GHOST'S PIERCING GAZE, AND WHEN THE GHOST REACHED FOR HER--

AAAH!

"HEARING HER SCREAM IN TERROR, THE OTHER GEMS RUSHED TO FIND HER.

"BUT WHEN THEY ARRIVED...

"...THERE WAS ONLY A PILE OF BROKEN GLASS."

THE END! HOW WAS THAT?

S-STEVEN??

I'M NEVER GOING CAMPING AGAIN!!

DON'T WORRY, STEVEN. WE MADE IT ALL UP.

THAT'S RIGHT! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE GLASS GHOST.

HA! I KNEW IT! I WASN'T SCARED AT ALL.

THE FIRST TIME WE TOLD HER THAT STORY, SHE WOULDN'T GO NEAR THE WOODS FOR A YEAR.

HEY!

IT'S GETTING LATE, STEVEN, IS THIS THE PART WHERE WE SLEEP IN BAGS?

OH, YEAH!

NOT THAT I'M GOING TO SLEEP TONIGHT...

I'M TAKING THE TENT!!

I'LL BE SAFE IN THERE...

OH, THIS IS NICE! THE STARS ARE OUT.

GOODNIGHT, STEVEN. WE'LL BE RIGHT NEXT TO YOU IF YOU NEED US.

THANKS GUYS. GOODNIGHT!

IT'S JUST ODD HUMANS WOULD BUILD HOMES, ONLY TO GO BACK TO SLEEPING OUTSIDE.

clink..clink

WELL, I LIKE THE SLEEPING BAG. IT'S LIKE A HUG FOR YOUR WHOLE BODY.

HMNN... WHUH??

clink tink

...WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

I SUPPOSE THAT IS NICE...

ZZZZZZ...

tink clink

clink

HELLO? IS SOMEBODY THERE?

clink, tink

Hhhhhhhhhh...

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Goodnight Dad!
Goodnight Wirt!

Goodnight
Convicted criminal
Robber Raccoon!

Goodnight
Sheriff Jason
Funderber-

HEY!
Where's Sheriff
Funderberker?

ROROP!

Where are you going Sheriff?

=GASP!= Is there a new case?!

ROROP!

You're coming with me, Robber Raccoon. Just because there's a new case doesn't mean you'll escape the arms of the law!

HUFF HUFF HUFF

You go ahead Sheriff!

I gotta rest a minute.

– and the prisoner's getting hungry.

HEY NOW! You can't eat dirt!

Can You?

BLECH! Maybe not!

Doesn't anyone around here know where a lawman can get a decent meal?

Mrrowww!

Oh! Hello Mr. Tomcat. Do you know where we can get some food?

Mouw!

GREAT! Lead the way!

We're in luck!

I can't wait to see what's for lunch!

Careful, Robber! those mushrooms might be poison. We gotta wait for real food.

OH! A town! And there's Wirt!

HEY WIRT! What are you doing with that cow?

Wait. You aren't my brother.

Well... my name is Greg. My prisoner here and I were looking for something to eat and this old tomcat...

hm?

...he uh...

Oh-oh-oh-

OH NO! NOT AGAIN!

SOUND THE BELL!

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